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CSCE STANCE

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1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S CSCE REPORT TO CONGRESS AND FOLLOW-UP
PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 13 HAVE CONTINUED TO DRAW FAVORABLE
COMMENT IN WEST BERLIN NEWSPAPERS IN LAST SEVERAL DAYS.
CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST WAS PARTICULARLY EFFU-
SIVE, SEEING IN REPORT AND PRESIDENT'S REMARKS A "RELENT-
LESS, COURAGEOUS STANDING UP FOR HUMANITY" AND CONCLUDING
FROM THEM THAT ON BERLIN MATTERS, THE "TIME FOR LUKEWARM
COMPROMISES IS OVER." MORGENPOST WELCOMED WHAT IT VIEWED AS
A MORE ACTIVE AMERICAN ROLE IN WORLD POLITICS. OF
PRESIDENT'S JUNE 13 PRESS CONFERENCE, THE PAPER SAID
"CARTER WANTS TO STOP MOSCOW AGGRESSIVELY BUT PEACE-
FULLY. HE HAS ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE OF SOVIET
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EXPANSION", LONG ARTICLE BY PUBLISHER AXEL SPRINGER
IN JUNE 12 MORGENPOST PRAISED CSCE REPORT'S EXPRESS
MENTION OF BERLIN AND PRESIDENT'S "OPENLY CHARGING"
SOVIET UNION WITH "SOFTENING" THE HELSINKI AGREE-
MENT. NOTING THAT US HAD MADE CLEAR
ITS WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SPRINGER
ASKED RHETORICALLY, "WHAT ABOUT THE EUROPEANS?"

2. TAGESSPIEGEL EDITOR JOACHIM BOELKE WROTE JUNE 10 THAT AS CONSEQUENCE OF CSCE REPORT, SOVIET UNION IS BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT CARTER TAKES HUMAN RIGHTS SERIOUSLY. IN SEPARATE EDITORIAL JUNE 15, BOEKLKE WARNED WEST AGAINST DESTROYING "CAREFUL BALANCE OF INTERESTS" CONTAINED IN HELSINKI FINAL ACT, WHICH WOULD HAPPEN, HE PREDICTED, IF WEST DOES NOT SERIOUSLY ENOUGH REPRESENT HUMAN RIGHTS PART OF AGREEMENT.

3. PRO-SPD SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT REMARKED JUNE 11 THAT CSCE REPORT "NECESSARILY INCREASED" IRRITABILITY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES SIMPLY BECAUSE PRESIDENT RETURNED THE WORD "HUMAN RIGHTS" TO THE POLITICAL VOCABULARY AND ENUMERATED OBVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH WHITE HOUSE HAS REPEATEDLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT PRESIDENT WILL NOT PROVOCATIVELY INCREASE DEMANDS FOR REALIZATION OF MORE CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE COMMUNIST REALM. DAVIS

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